

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled. Claim 19 has been amended. Claims 21-25 have been added. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Specification

The claim of priority has been amended to reflect the U.S. Patent No. of the parent case.

Restriction

Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 19-20), without traverse with respect to the restriction of Group I. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

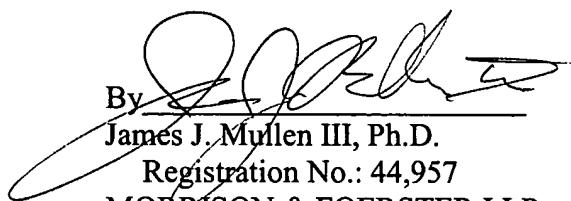
CONCLUSION

Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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